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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

It is doubtful whether Americans will ever take kindly, or will even endure for long, a bureaucratic government. Other peoples, nearly all Europeans in fact know little else in the way of government. But in this country where evey tub has for a century and a half, stood sturdily on its own bottom, a government by pronunciamentos, long distance wires, commands by telephone, fiats via the postoffice, and cumbrous instructions couched in legalized English, will be about as palatable for a steady diet as skunk meat.

The fact that in some instances if we feel too oppressed by bureaucratic supervision of our daily lives, we can take an appeal either to the courts or to a higher and more refined bureau, does not salve our burning skins. Appeals are notoriously costly and results delayed as matters now stand. We do believe, then, that this war-time experience of bureaucracy which all us now cheerfully endure for the sake of the victory to come, will unsettle a sufficient number of gorges, so that when peace comes we will gladly, vigorously dismiss these masters whom congress has set over us. Congressmen with their own political necks at stake will undoubtedly attend to it.

The Good Book speaks of the wicked who flourish like the green bay tree, probably with bureaucratic governments in mind. Because, if we recall correctly, it was the bureaucrats of Jerusalem who caused Christ to be crucified. The high priests were a privileged group who told other people what to do, and they did not take kindly to an interloper from Galilee. Between us voters, nowadays and bureaucracy, there is, to be sure, a buffer state, that is to say, congress. This body which hates to make decisions because of its fear of losing votes, began long before the war to delegates its authority, first to the president, who quickly passed on the delegated authority to members of the "new school of thought."

What actually happens when this done is illustrated by an occurence in Grass Valley two years ago, or a year before we were actually at war. During one week eight different government officials gave the merchants of Grass Valley a course of sprouts. Some of them were state factomens, others federal men, and none of them wanted to wait while the merchant sold his customer ten cents worth, say, of brass tacks. They were impatient and important.

Or, take the case of five old men who owned jointly a hydraulic diggings not far from Nevada City. They worked when they felt like it. If one was ill for a day or two the others dug in and did his stint for him. They took out enough gold to eat regularly to keep a shelter over their heads, and to keep themselves shod and clothed. Comes an order from Washington: "Close down. The copper mines need you". The youngest of the lot was 61 years old, too old for the copper mining game, or any underground work, for that matter.

Or, consider the plight of the land-owners, whose ancestral acres are now occupied by Camp Beale. They feel that they have been financially whipped by a long arm reaching out from Washington, D. C. A jury of their peers may be called in time to settle the vexed questions of their rights to more money for their homes, but the red tape mountains, to these pastoral families seem huge and menacing. The long complicated business of getting a hearing against decisions of government agent, sent out by a department or bureau to secure the land for the army, that alone fills them with fright and dismay.

So, along with winning the war, we feel confident, that when peace returns, we shall be ready, every man jack and voter, to dismiss the bureaucrats who plague us. And congress will do just that or else. The war is like a long tempestuous sea voyage. Most of us are deathly sea-sick. But when we reach the port and stand on firm ground again, we shall have some very solid convictions regarding the kind of government we want.

-WHAT ABOUT GOLD-

(Continued from Last Issue)

By EDW. C. UREN

Prior to about 1910 we people in the west knew hardly anything about paper money. If we got hold of a greenback we passed it along like a hot potato. Our paydays were gernered in substantial gold and silver coins, and, after changing a gold piece or two you could always tell when a man was prosperous by the hang of his pants. He carried his money in his trousers pockets and his suspenders stretched until he fringed the bottom of his pants by walking on them, but as the end of the month approached his financial burdens became less and less until the space below his vest got back to normal.

East of Colorado they didn't know anything about gold—and don't yet. If, by chance, some unsophisticated westerner laid a gold piece on the counter, the clerk looked at it suspiciously, then went out and called a cop.

In 1939, when both San Francisco and New York put on their big shows I was asked down to Douglas, Arizona to plan some proposed fair exhibits with the Phelps Dodge directors. After some discussion it was decided that as far as New York was concerned, it would be a useless expense for the company to go to the trouble of making an exhibit of their mining operations because the people back there took no interest in mining whatsoever.

And that is true today, not only in New York, but particularly in Washington—the habitat of some of the misfits who seem to know as much about business as a fish does about Friday; the boys who connive those yard-long questionnaires every week to plague the farmers and the ration boards; the boys who are—as Fulton Lewis says —going to cause a serious food shortage in this country, simply because they don't know what it's all about.

The Mining and Industrial News, in it's issue of July 15th, states that in a recent hearing before the House Banking and Currency Committee "Chairman Mariner Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board declared flatly that the United States was off the gold standard and that there was absolutely no relationship between our currency and our gold supply.

"Following Mr. Eccles assertion, Rep. Frederick Smith of Ohio asked, "Does it make any difference whether we have an ounce of gold or seven million ounces?" To which Mr. Eccles replied "It has made no difference to Russia for twenty years; no difference to Germany for a long while. Most of the countries of Europe had to give up the idea of the gold reserve. Their currency has gone into managed currency."

To which Mr. Claude Chaplin of the News aptly replies: "What Mr. Eccles said is literally true. but it must not be forgotten that neither Germany or Russia are democracies. Under dictatorships it is possible to function without gold as a base, although neither Hitler nor Stalin have overlooked accumulating gold whenever and wherever possible."

"Democracy is based upon gold because gold provides free currency for the operation of a free economy by a free people. The dollars that will be used at the peace table will be gold dollars. No lasting peace is possible without a free currency, and gold is the only metal that can be used on a world wide basis to conduct essential peacetime trade between nations."

If Mr. Eccles is really sincere in the belief expressed above, perhaps he could tell us that if our supply doesn't mean anything why in hell we are buying all the gold in sight from foreign countries and paying more than anyone else for it; and at the same time hampering and restricting our own gold production.

If gold doesn't mean anything to Germany it's funny that when Hitler pirates a country the first thing he

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GREAT REGISTER PURGING SHOWS POPULATIONDROP

Indicating, at least a 20 per cent reduction of the population in Nevada county, the purging of the great register, just completed by County Clerk Noble McCormack, reveals there are now but 7002 voters as compared with 10,691 two years ago.

Democrats now have a registration of 3,810 as compared with 6,928 votes two years ago. Non-partisans have dropped from 267 to 139, socialists from 18 to 10, Prohibitionists from 11 to 6, and Townsendites from 26 to 19.

The sharp decrease in the number of voters in Nevada county totaling 3689 is attributed to the magnet of higher wages in war industry, the enrollment in armed services, and, to a minor extent the departure of gold mine workers to mines elsewhere that produce strategic minerals.

The 1940 census gave this county a population of a little less than 20,000.

SNOW BLOCKS CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING HERE

Christmas tree cutting ended abruptly with the snowstorm the past weekend on the Truckee district of the Tahoe National Forest and the buyers had all but a few hundred trees moved to market locations by December 10, according to District Ranger H. I. Snider at Truckee.

Due to transportation and labor shortage it was expected cutting would be curtailed, but the demand for the class o trees that grow in the high Sierra Nevada mountains became so great that nearly six thousand trees were cut on the combined government and private land areas, under forest service supervision during the past six weeks on the Truckee district.

No further sales will be made now as the cold weather freezes the limbs o the trees and handling the precious yuletide product under such conditions causes considerable breakage of limbs and depreciates attractiveness and retail sale value of the trees, Snider explained .

Cutting this year was done in concentrated areas where a minimum of travel and supervision was needed in order to save rubber during existing conditions.

Snider urged that all users of Christmas trees save as much as possible of their tree decorations this year, since such articles may not be available next year.

ARMY TRUCKS CART OFF SCRAP

The big pile of scrap metal in Hills Flat, opposite the California Highway Patrol office, almost disappeared Friday and Saturday when 15 big army trucks from Camp Beale manned by 45 soldiers attacked it and took it down to the camp. This completes the job the army began a week ago Sunday. Instead of taking the scrap to Colfax as was done a week ago,, they are accumulating it at Camp Beale, where gondolas will pick it up as full loads are provided. It was stated that it is very expensive to hold a gondola on a siding waiting for a load.

NEVADA LODGE NO. 13 F. AND A. M. INSTALLATION JAN.

Installation of officers recently elected in Nevada Lodge No. 13 F. & A. M. will be installed in January with Nevada Chapter officers. Cameron Larsen was elected Worshipful Master for 1943, Cary S. Argobast, Senior Warden; H. E. Kjorlie, Junior Warden and Benj.Hall, treasurer; Joseph F. Stenger as secretary.

James Penrose, J. F. Stenger and Benj. Hall as trustees of Masonic Hall association.

WAR CONTRACTS FOR STATE PASS 7 BILLION MARK

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Contracts for war supplies awarded to California industries passed the $7,000,000,000 mark during 1942. Employment in manufacturing industries as the current year draws to a close, approximates nearly a million workers, or three times as large as the average for the census year of 1939. The 1942 payroll of factory wage earners alone is estimated for the current year at $1,350,000,000, approximately twice the factory payroll of 1941; and the total of individual incomes for Californians during the current year, according to preliminary estimates, will approximate $8,500,000,000, or 25 per cent higher than last year.

These facts, reviewing California's progress, are brought out in preliminary survey for 1942, just completed by the Research Department of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

With reference to employment in manufacturing industries of the state, the report shows that there has been a net addition of 291,000 new emloyees; during the current year, an average of about 24,000 per month, principally in the rapidly expanding aircraft, shipbuilding and other war material industries.

Impetus of the Food for Victory program is indicated by the fact that gross income of farmers, according to preliminary estimates, will exceed $1,250,000,000, or about 50 per cent above the 1941 total. Farm labor shortages during the peak harvest season, the report says, caused considerable difficulty in harvesting crops, and there were some losses in crop harvests. Farm labor costs, on the other hand, ranged from 25 to 100 per cent higher than last year, with the average at the time of the harvest peak more than 50 per cent above 1941.

Production of crude petroleum has been at slightly higher levels than in 1941, when California production amounted to 230,000,000 barrels, with a value of $219,000,000. Employment declined in metal mining during the year, principally because of decreased activity in gold mining, but production of quicksilver, tungsten and cromite increased considerably.

Population of California increased between 200,000 and 250,000 during the current year, bringing the total resident civilian population to more than 7.500,000 according to unofficial estimates. Since the April 1940 census, California's opulation has increased approximately 600,000. The flow of population to the war production centers and the military areas has resulted in shortages of housing and other facilities.

Priate residential, highway and other public construction have dropped sharply during the year, although construction of new industrial plants and army and navy facillties have resulted in a large volume of new construction work. A large portion of the federal allocation of $608,000,000 for construction of new industrial plant facilities, and also a considerable part of the $742,000,000 for army and navy facilities was expended during the current year.

CIVIC CLUB SENDS CHRISTMAS BOXES TO SOLDIERS

Following the luncheon and social hour of the Civic club meeting at the Methodist church held Thursday a brief business meeting was held at which it was decided to send five Christmas boxes to soldiers at Camp Beale and to donate ten dollars for furniture for a day room at the camp. They also decided to send a Christmas box to the veterans at the veterans hospital at Palo Alto.

The next meeting of the club will be held on January 14th.

Titles to Camp Beale Land Are Being Cleared

The Inter-County Title company is now clearing titles to land purchased by the U. S. department of justice for the army at Camp Beale. The government is paying for the land as fast as good titles are established. Only deeds to those properties, whose owners accepted the government offer, are involved.

C. H. M. A. Hears Report On Prospect Of Permit To Resume Hydraulicking

George Hallock, president of the California Hydraulic Miners association, at a meeting of that body in this city yesterday, rendered his report of the meeting of the American Mining Congress in Salt Lake City, which he attended as a delegate of the association.

"When the gold mining section of congress met," Hallock said, "it was more like a wake than a meeting of mining men. No one seemed willing or ready to discuss the gold miners new problem, the shut down ordered in Washington.

"Finally I got up and told the story of the Los Angeles booster, who attending a funeral, when no else had anything to say for the departed, asked permission to say a good word for Los Angeles. I deplored the fact that the few elderly men who were employed in hydraulic mining were deprived of the power to buy war bonds. I mentioned the fact that some towns, due to the gold mine closing order, had lost 90 per cent of their population.

"As a result of the closing order the old mining town of Bloomfield has lost its postoffice and its school.

"I had a long talk with Dr. Wilbur Nelson, in charge of the mining division of WPB and he told me if this association would get together data showing that we would not employ men young enough to be of use in war industries or strategic mining, and could show we needed no materials used in war or war industries, he would give our request for a permit to continue operations careful consideration.

"I have been sorry to learn that Dr. Nelson is soon to be, or already is, superceded, as the WPB's mining adviser. He had come to have an adequate grasp of the problems we face as mining men, and now they have removed him."

Claude Clark, superintendent of the Relief Hill placer mine stated that he had already sent his appeal in for permission to resume operations. He said that he had stated frankly that men employed by him were over 50, lived in the vicinity of the mine, and during the season when water was available, the diggings was their chief support. When the water ran low for hydraulicking, the men returned usually to sniping along the streams. He said that he had not yet heard from his appeal.

Col. Robert L. Hunter, secretary of the California Debris Commission, who was present with Mrs. Hunter, declared that when times are good and hydraulic mining is in a flourishing condition, an association such as this was not needed. "It is only when times get tough, as they are now," said Col. Hunter, "that the association should get in and work hard to offset conditions. It is regrettable that hydraulic miners must get permits to resume operations. But I think there is every reason to believe that such permits can be obtained."

Fred Harvey of Galt, one of the association's directors, called attention to the fact that the state bureau of strategic minerals would probably be abolished when the new state administration took office, unless something were done about it soon. That matter and also the question of endorsing a member of the association as candidate for secretary of the bureau, were considered. It was decided to refer them to a meeting of the board of directors which President Hallock called for next Sunday afternoon in the Auburn hotel at Auburn.

Ross Taylor of Downieville brought a check for $100 contributed to the association's treasury by the Sierra County supervisors. Secretary W. W. Esterly of Grass Valley declared that while Placer and Sierra counties continued to give financial support, Nevada County which is the very heart of the hydraulic mining industry, has not contributed to the support of the association for the last two or three years. He said that as a result of the activities of the association the tax rolls of Nevada county had been considerably expanded. He mentioned the P. G. & E. power project at the Yuba Narrows dam, which when completed, will measurably increase the county's tax receipts.

DOUBLE SUICIDE ATTEMPT FAILS

The police of Grass Valley this morning reported the attempted suicide of a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell G. Call, residing on Colfax avenue. The two were discovered about 5:30 this morning. They had inhaled gas from the kitchen range. An ambulance removed them to Lang's Clinic where attempts at reviving them were made. They recovered consiousness. Call is a soldier and army officers are making an investigation of the matter. At Lang's Clinic it was learned that the two have a chance of recovery.

DEATH SUMMONS EMPIRE ASSAYER

W. T. Tritch, assayer for the Empire mine for many years, died suddenly at his home on North Auburn street in Grass Valley Thursday evening.

J. J. Rowe, delivering groceries in the evening, saw Tritch sitting on a couch in an unnatural posture. Believing the man was dead, he notified Coroner A. M. Holmes. An investigation by the coroners office and Dr. O. F. Lang led to the conclusion that Tritch had been dead only twenty minutes when Rowe saw him. An autopsy established death as due to heart disease.

The deceased was 62 years of age and a native of Denver, Colorado. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Madeline Tritch; three daughters, Mrs. Stanley Rader of Sacramento, Mrs. Al Thorne of San Francisco, Mrs. Robert Ralston believed to be in Bakersfield, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Holmes Funeral Home chapel in Grass Valley Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

TRUCK DRIVER LOSES GROCERIES, GOES OVER BANK

After running his huge truck over the bank on the Wownieville road, a mile north of this city, the driver Will Extan of Camptonville was placed under arrest by Capt. Jos. Blake of the California Highway Patrol. Extan was badly hurt when the truck careening down a steep bank hit a huge tree and stopped abruptly. He was taken to the Nevada City Canitarium to have his injuries dressed.

Hartley Clark, Extan's companion, also of Camptonville suffered contusions and abrasions. Capt. Blake took a bottle of whiskey away from the pair, and reports that the truck had a large stock of groceries aboard, including a slab of bacon, which it was losing along the road. Motorists in a car following were busy picking up the groceries with the expectation ultimately, of catching up with the speeding truck.

AVIATION CADETS GET XMAS TREES

Army cadets from McClelland's Field flying school visited Nevada City Friday and departed with three big trucks loaded with Christmas trees. The ten cadets were under command of Capt. Stewart and Major Henderson. Due to the cold waether in the region above Nevada City along Highwa 40, where the trees were cut under supervision of the Forest Service, the men wore their high altitude flying suits of fleece lined sheepskin. Thirty big Christmas trees were loaded upon the trucks for the holiday festivities of McClelland's aviation students.

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CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPER COMMENT

Ration programs—for gasoline, coffee, sugar or other commodities—are not the chief cause of complaint; it's the red tape with which they are surrounded that gripes, according to California editors.

Simplification of the systems, and less preliminary ballyhoo, they said, would result in fewer instances of hoarding and reduce discontent.

"The gasoline rationing," said the Alameda Times-Star, "has been handled rather awkwardly, and in many cases unfairly. Distances are greater in the west than in the east and middle wst. So more gasoline is needed, per man, for the people to get around on their lawful occasions. Democracy or no democracy, it isn't logical to treat every situation alike in so vast and varied a country."

• One encouraging word from Washington, however, notes the Bakersfield Californian, is "that provision will be made for gasoline sufficient to enable the farmers to carry on, and to supply transportation for some other essential industries and activities. The eleventh hour assurance relieves a large number of people of their anxiety due to former pronouncements, presumed to be based upon official decree, or more authoritatively, upon complicated blanks to be filled out by the consumers."

But, there's too much red tape, declares the El Centro Imperial Valley Press, adding that although there is a question in our minds that the devious brains of the bureaucrats could devise a simpler system, there is no question whatever that a simpler system could be devised. Unless it is devised, there are going to be more unwitting law violators in these United States during gas rationing than there were intentional ones during prohibition. Gas rationing, necessary though it seems to be, is doing more to undermine the popularity of the federal government, under the present system, than anything else that has come out of the war."

The big issue, according to the Burbank Review, is "will the economic system be able to function under such a jolt? In other words, will the cure be worse than the disease? The ultimate purpose, as far as intentions are concerned, is to win the war. In view of the fact that a properly functioning economic system likewise has a part—and an important one—in winning the war, will this jar to the economic system so cripple it that it cannot do its part in winning the war?"

Who causes the market jams?, asks the Madera Daily Tribune, and answer: "In World War I the government set out in a businesslike manner to conserve its foodstuffs. The facts were given the public and a patriotic appeal made, the warning given that hoarding would lead to trouble. There was no great army of bureauites, there were few violations, no stamps were used, there was no enormous government bill for play at war—and the needs were cheerfully and willingly met. The same would be true now. The only missing link between the present and the past is confidence in officialdom."

"The people," agrees the Fullerton News-Tribune, "wlil cooperate if they feel that commodity rationing is fair and that no one is being favored. Their failure to discipline themselves should not be regarded as meaning that they are unwilling to do their full share to win the war. It is proof, instead, that some of the big mouths on the public payroll have bungled again."

However, concluded the Berkeley Daily Gazette, "we are doing without to win the war, measuring gas. sugar, meat, wool, steel, coffee, and warmth with freedom. Put liberty on one side of the balance and all these commodieies—and many more—on the other, and liberty still weighs hevier. Another point is that the shortages are to be temporary. The purpose of them is permanent—the maintenance of freedom. Shortages will give way to abundance, once freedom is made secure."

NEW LAWS FOR STATE PRISONS ARE EXPECTED

By JOHN W. DUNLAP

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14.—(UP)—Some important legislation on prison and correctional matters will be in the hopper in January, possibly including a general reorganization of the prison system.

But if the wartime necessity limits legislation, the big over all plan of coordinating the prison setup may go over for two years and leave only a few pressing matters on the calendar. The Youth Correction authority will be the hub of most of the planning, because this new agency has a big job ahead, tying into various other phases of the penal problem.

Sooner or later, the new authority will have charge of the three juvenile correctional schools, now handled by the department of institutions. The original act setting up the authority called for it to assume full control of all juvenile cases by 1944 but this may be postponed to 1946 to insure an orderly expansion.

But one thing, it is almost impossible to recruit a trained staff of doctors, psychiatrists case workers and other help needed for a well balanced program. But after the war, with these skilled persons suddenly free to resume private employment, the authority could build a fine personnel.

Governor-elect Earl Warren is reported to be enthusiastically behind the entire program of the authority. Through his many years in law enforcement and prosecution, he has seen the need for such correctional and preventive work. He will push the new plan to use delinquent youth on the guayule rubber program and every effort will be made to empty the jails of young people.

The senate committee headed by Charles Deuel of Chico is working closely with authority members in drafting needed legislation and no particular objection is anticipated in the legislature.

Speaking of prisons, the women's institution at Tehachapi came into the news when Alma B. Holzschuh, superintendent, said the women should be treated like the men even to the inclusion in the budget of 50 cents a month allowance per inmate for tobacco. Women now buy their own smoking materials.

It's a new wrinkle but women are taking their place beside men most everywhere else and may succeed on this one.

Another penal matter in the news was the refusal of Finance Director George Killion to approve a budget request to raise Warden Clyde Plummer of Folsom to $6,000 a year. Plummer now receives $5,000 plus maintenance for himself and family, whereas Waden Clinton Duffy of San Quentin and Kenyon Scudder of the state institution for men at Chino, get $6,000.

The prison board voted the increase for Plumber but Killion said no funds were provided in the budget.

In one respect, it is hardly comparable for the warden at Chino, with 600 inmates and corresponding number on his staff, to get 1,000 more per year than Plumber, who has one of the toughest prison jobs in the nation. Folsom has several thousand lifers and repeaters behind its gray walls.

Retiring Governor Olson has been rather liberal on granting pardons and executive clemency, second only to James Rolph. He'll have a final opportunity to put his signature on such papers if he gets time to consider something like 360 applications which have been approved favorably by the state advisory pardon board.

Olson has followed the recommendations of this board in almost 97 per cent of all cases, so he could finish a big stack in a short time. Those remaining will be turned over to Governor Warren, which some of those seeking favors think isn't such a good thing, because of his background as a prosecutor. As a matter of record, Warren has taken no interest in the advisory pardon board, of which he is a member as attorney general, and never attended meetings in the last several years.

The average of 450 appeals per year has stepped up to 600 this past year. Olson granted about 125 pardons and 80 commutations in his four years. About three fifths of the applications are from persons who have completed prison terms and periods on parole and are asking clemency primarily to obtain citizenship rights again.

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"Why did you leave your last job?"

"Illness.'

"What sort of illness?'

"My boss said he got sick of me."

"Junior, did you pick all the white meat off this chicken?"

"Yes, mother. I might as well make a clean breast of it."

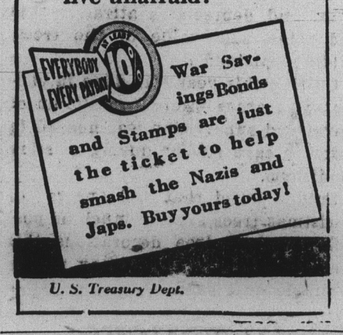
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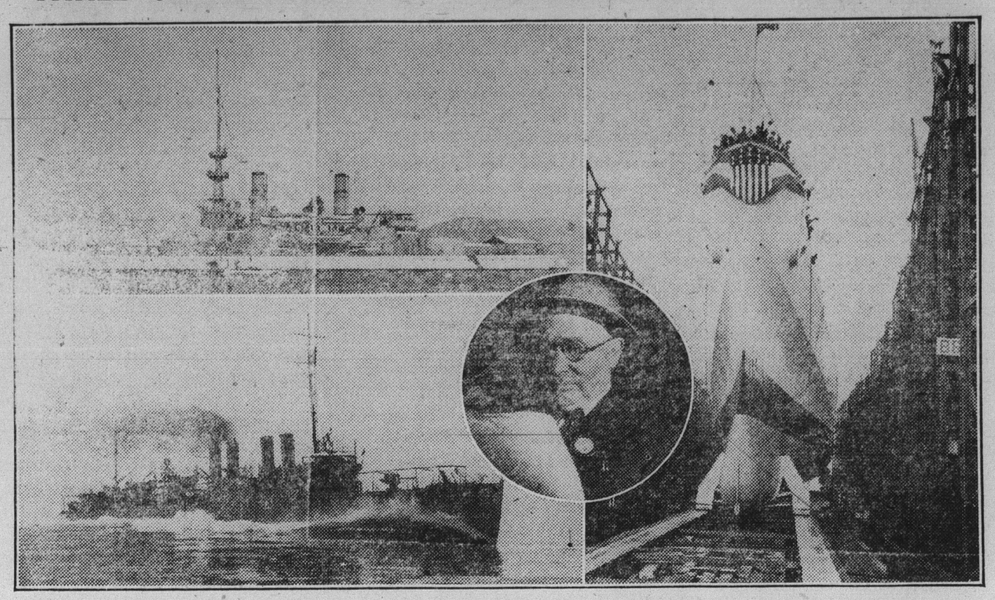
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THREE GENERATIONS OF WARSHIPS AT S. F. SHIPYARD



The awarding December 11 of the Army-Navy "E" to the San Francisco yard of the Bethlehem Steel Company brings to a climax the shipbuilding activities carried on at this West Coast yard for the past 60 years. Warships shown above were built here. Top left is USS Oregon, famous Spanish-American War battleship; bottom left, USS Farragut, destroyer of World War I; right, USS Oakland, sleek cruiser launched last October. Inset shows foreman of shipyard saw mill who helped build all three of these naval combat vessels during 54 years of service.

STATE HEALTH DEPT. URGES IMMUNIZATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Parents are warned to have children immunized against diphtheria and individuals of all ages are urged to seek medical care promptly for any severe sore throat by Dr. Bertram P. Brown, director, State Department of Public Health.

He reports an upsurge in diphtheria throughout the state. During November 114 cases were reported with 108 cases in October. This is the first time the monthly number of reported cases has exceeded 100 since January. 1940. During 1940 and 1941, an average of 69 cases of diphtheria were reported each month.

"Every one of the 768 cases which have been reported to the department this year was preventable," Dr. Brown declared. "There is no reason why anyone should risk severe illness and possible death because of diphtheria. It is a completely preventable disease.

"Babies should be immunized against diphtheria and smallpox during their first year. If immunization is not done in infancy, it can be done later. Parents should take children to their family physicians or to the health department clinics.

"A number of cases in older persons have occurred this year and there has been one death from diphtheria of a woman in her eighties. Every case of sore throat should be carefully watched and medical care sought if it is severe or persistent.

"There are a number of apparently healthy individuals in any population who are diphtheria carriers. Therefore, the danger of contracting the disease is much greater than is implied by the number of actual cases."

ORDINANCE NO. 235

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF NEVADA TO ABANDON THAT PORTION OF MT. CALVARY STREET BETWEEN CROSS STREET AND PINE STREET, IN THE CITY OF NEVADA, AS SHOWN UPON THE OFFICIAL MAP THEREOF MADE BY H.S. BRADLEY IN THE YEAR 1869.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEVADA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City of Nevada does hereby declare its intention to abandon that portion of Mt. Calvary Street connecting Cross Street and Pine Street, as said street is designated and delineated on the Official Map of the City of Nevada made by H. S. Bradley in the year 1869, on file in the Office of the City Clerk, to which map reference is hereby made for a particular description of said street.

SECTION 2: That at the City Hall of the City of Nevada, on Broad Street, at 8:00 P M.., on the 18th day of December, 1942, all persons interested in or objecting to the proposed vacation of said street may be heard at a meeting of the Council of the City of Nevada held for said purpose.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk of the said City of Nevada shall attest the passage of this ordinance and cause the same to be published in the Nevada City Nugget. This ordinance shall go into effect on the 5th day of January, 1943.

The foregoing ordinance was enacted by the City Council of the City of Nevada at a regular meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of December, 1942. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Councilman Hall, Davies, Seaman, Ivey and Bates.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.

BENJ. HALL,
President of the City Council and Mayor of the City of Nevada.
Attest: GEO. H. CALANAN, City Clerk.

CERTIFICATE OF FICTITIOUS NAME

I, JOSEPH CARTOSCELLI, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am transacting business at 347 Long Street, City of Nevada, State of California, under a designation not showing the name of the person interested in such business, to-wit:

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JOSEPH CARTOSCELLI,
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COUNTY OF NEVADA, ss.

On this 20th day of November, 1942, before me, Vernon Stoll, a Notary Public in and for the County of Nevada, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared JOSEPH CARTOSCELLI, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

VERNON STOLL,
Notary Public in and for the County of Nevada, State of California.
Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14.

SAYS LOSER IN WAR FACES ANNIHILATION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—"This is not a conflict between two types of civilization; rather it is a life and death struggle between barbarism and civilization."

Addressing an audience of 2,000 students on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, Dr. Gordon S. Watkins, dean of the College of Letters and Science, added:

"It is, as Adolph Hitler himself has proclaimed, a struggle between two systems of philosophy, two ways of life, two worlds. And, as he accurately observed, one of these two worlds must burst asunder.

"Apart from Hitler himself, no one has stated so frankly and so concisely the difference in the national codes of conduct as has propaganda minister Goebbels. For the Axis powers, he stated, it is not a matter of moral codes, of rights, and of decency, about which the democracies speak so much; rather it is a question of what brings success to the Fatherland. And in pursuit of that success, might is right.

"The ethical code of the Axis is that of savagery, where such values as justice, truthfulness, honesty, and integrity have no place and no meaning."

NEW DEHYDRATION KEEPS FOOD VALUES

BERKELEY, Dec. 14. — Many foods retain more nutritive value when dehydrated than when sun-dried or canned, according to Dr. Agnes Fay Morgan, chairman of the University of California Home Economics Department.

Results of several years of research on the Berkeley campus reveal that fruits dehydrated by the new factory processes retain more vitamins than those preserved by sun-drying.

For example, Dr. Morgan points out, sun-dried fruit loses most of its vitaman B-2, since riboflavin is quickly destroyed by light, while this is not the case with fruit protected from light during dehydration.

For the past few years Dr. Morgan and her staff have given special study to the retention of vitamins in dehydrated vegetables. Research disclosed that several vegetables retain more vitamins when dehydrated than when canned. Spinach, for intance, lost 75 per cent of its B-1 when canned, as compared to fresh spinach, but in the dehydrated product the B-1 was preserved almost 100 per cent.

Similar results were obtained from studies on meat, Dr. Morgan reported. There was less loss of vitamins B-1, B-1 and nicotinic acid in dehydrated than canned meat, and cooked dehydrated meat compared favorably with cooked fresh meat, she pointed out, since there is always some loss in preparation for the table.

Emergency Gas Rations for Farmers Says USDA

Highlighting this week's news on the farm front is the announcement that Nevada County farmers who find themselves in desperate straits for lack of gasoline sufficient to perform essential truck transportation, can get emergency gas rations for immediate use. Here's the official dope:

Farm truck owners who have applied for, but have not received a certificate of war necessity, or who have received a certificate which provides a fourth-month allotment of gasoline insufficient even for their immediate needs, should apply to their local OPA War Price and Rationing Board for a Temporary Transport Ration to secure enough gasoline for their requirements until January 31, 1942. However, if for any reason they are unable to secure from the local rationing board the temporary transport ration, they should obtain an emergency receipt, OPA Form R-555. Local OPA boards and some gasoline companies have been provided these forms. Upon being signed in duplicate and presented to a gasoline service station or other supplier, the receipt will entitle armers or other commercial vehicle operators to an emergency ration of one tankful of gas. The gasoline, whether obtained as either temporary or emergency ration, will be deducted from the allotment authorized on the certificate of war necessity.

The R-55 form is for use only until such time as the farmer obtains from OPA board the gas coupons to which he is entitled, and in no event will be valid later than December 13.

In the meantime, procedure is being set up whereby the farm transportation committees of the Nevada County USDA War Board will assist farmers in the preparation of appeals for adjusted certificates of war necessity.

Sgt. Brown of Alaska Answers Letter to Sgt. Brown of Camp Beale

A Nevada City lady extended an invitation to a soldier whom she met at Camp Beale on Activation Day, October 15th. An answer came from a brother, in Alaska on December 10. It does give the impression that these boys do appreciate the hospitalities offered them.

Reg. Hq. Btg. 206 6A (AA)
APO 939
Seattle, Washington.

I'm very sorry to tell you that your not of invitation found its way here to me in Alaska.

Guess I had better explain first. I am Sgt. Brown and by chance the brother of the Sgt. you wrote. We did or do belong to the same battery and have the same rating and are always getting each others mail. However he is now in Camp Beale going to cooks and bakers school. We are both cooks. And he is expected to be stationed for some time to come. However I feel that he is home on furlough at the present or he would have gotten your letter. I'm sure he would have been only too glad to visit you, for a few days if he had only known. I feel very guilty not sending or trying to send it to him, but at present I don't know where he is for sure. So it has been quite a while since I heard from him, however I should hear from him some time soon and send it to him then.

I wish to thank you in behalf of L. K. and hope that you get to see him soon.

Sincerely,
Sgt. E. C. Brown, 20756529.

CHECK YOUR CAR INSURANCE

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14—(UP)—California car owners were warned today to check up on the provisions of their car insurance policies to determine whether they are adequately covered against liability for accidents under group riding or "share the ride" plans.

The state highway traffic advisory committee said the most liability policies protect the driver and owner for accidents to passengers under group riding plans. But it said it is best for the vehicle owner to contact his insurance representative in each case to be absolutely certain of his status.

"In all cases where a car is being shared either for compensation or under arrangements by others in the group whereby each, in turn, will use his car in succeeding periods, or where the expense of gas and oil is being shared, the owners should protect themselves by purchasing insurance," the statement said.

"In such cases the guest-host relationship, as set up in Section 403 of the Vehicle Code, does not exist and the passenger is deemed to have given compensation for his ride and may recover against the driver if the latter is determined b court proof to have been negligent."

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WHAT ABOUT GOLD

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does it to make a bee line for the bank vaults. Maybe it is because he recalls 1923 when Germany had 700 million in it's gold reserves and issued over 500 quintillion marks marks against it, in paper; when adding machines were no good because they didn't have 21 columns of figures, and bookkeepers got blind staggers trying to keep up with the printing presses; when $5 in U. S. gold would buy 20 trillion paper marks, or 40 million for a cent.

That was what you would call a real inflation, and when Germany came out of it in 1924 and established the reichmark at the old gold standard value of 24 cents it is significant that, of all industries, the stock of the Harpener Mining Company had suffered a loss of less than three per cent.

It is hardly necessary to make any comparison between this country and Russia, for conditions are radically diferent, and I hope they will stay so. A million youths, from 14 to 17 years of age are drafted every year to work four years, for the state. No one is free to buy what he may choose, for food and everything else, has been rationed ever since the revolution. During this war Russian labor is working a seven day week of from 49 to 56 hours. Its currency is circulated only within its own borders and its export or import is forbidden by law. Although we all admire Russia for the valiant stand she is making in this war, the most of us have no desire to emulate her in her manner of living.

Errol MacBoyle, in his recent appearance beore the WPB to protest the mine closing order apparently got no assistance other than from Pat McCarren, senator from Nevada, and Murray of Montana and Harry L. Englebright. Our senator Hiram Johnson evidently wasn't sufficiently interested. Well, as long as Hiram has been in Washington, to my knowledge he has never advocated or suggested anything constructive; but when it comes to opposing things he is as reliable as a fire truck and as efficient as a boulder in the road; he is forninst everything—and his term doesn't expire until 1947.

Somehow I have always regretted that we allowed Gifin's wooden Indian, who was such a familiar personage on Broad Street for many years, to get away from us. I once recommended him as a director for the Pacific Development Company—a fatality at the birth of the N. I. D., but he was disqualified by Mr. Wisker.

I understand he is now in Sacramento. There is good timber in him for a U. S. senator. With a little crack filler and some fresh paint he would create an atmosphere of quiet and dignity in the senate that would attract wide attention. Of course it wouldn't do to have him standing all the time because it might make the other senators tired looking at him, but this could be easily remedied and then, with a small roulette wheel on his chest divided into 57 "noes" and 1 "yes"—repesenting the jack pot—when the speaker called for a vote, the sergeant at arms could step over and give the wheel a spin, thus having the vote recorded without argument.

In all seriousness we are going to have inflation of severe proportions after his war is over. We are getting just a little taste of it right now, although the present shortages could have been prevented if proper judgment had been used. What is coming in that line we don't like to talk about or worry over too much at this time because we have got to win this war first, no matter what happens.

Regardless of what some of the brain trust in Washington may say, their words do not agree with their transactions. In an inflation all economists agree that when it comes to hedging—putting something away for the rainy day—there is no substitute for gold.

Evidently the people of South Africa think so, for their principal objection to conscription is, that it will curtail the 300,000 natives and 40,000 whites who produce three times the amount of gold we do in this country.

And so, while our mines are hibernating and our streets almost deserted, let's not get discouraged, because when this war is over many countries of Europe will be prostrate and it will be up to us, according to program, to make replacement as far as we can. In exchange for all this will we get cheese from Holland, fish from Norway and wine from France? No. this wouldn't do because it would ruin those trades in this country.

So barter will be out of the question excepting for those things which we do not produce and we are back to the problem of an international medium of exchange, which can be nothing else than gold. The result will be increased mining for this metal.

Although our gold hoard is at this time is enough to make mass 50 feet long, 30 feet wide and 23 feet thick, it is not enough at the present parity to meet all these needs, and regardless of what may happen in other parts of the country, this area of our should be the whitest spot of all.

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Forest Service Expert Mechanician Joins Army

Joseph Forestner, expert mechanician of the Tahoe National Forest, yesterday was called into active army service, for which he volunteered sometime ago. His son, James, expects to enter the armed services immediately on completing his senior year in the Nevada City high school next June.

Camp Beale Gets Christmas Trees Here

An army truck manned by a sergeant and five soldiers loaded with Christmas trees and green branches for decorating the officers quarters at Camp Beale left here Wednesday. The trees were obtained under supervision of Forest Ranger Paul C. Chase and were cut from stands above the Washington-Tahoe Ukiah No. 20.

Personal

Marvin W. "Red" Wells, who has been the engineer in charge of road work at the Tahoe National Forest project at Camptonville, has returned to headquarters at Porterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Russell of Avery, Calaveras county, are enjoying a visit with Mrs. Russel's brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Land of Adams street.

Leslie Santinelli, who is in the armed forces of the United States, is enjoying a short furlough in Nevada City with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Meaglia of Long street.

Joe Forstner, shop foreman of the Tahoe National Forest in Nevada City, has received his call and entered the U. S. navy Friday.

Mrs. Joe Phelps of the Indian Flat section is quite ill and her many friends hope for her an early recovery. Her husband is in the employ of the Tahoe National Forest as a foreman.

Mrs. Leland Smith left Friday for San Rafael where she is visiting relatives for a few days.

Miss Betty Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith, who is attending Junior College in Sacramento, arrived Friday evening to spend the week end at home.

Miss Ida Pratti, employed in San Francisco, spent the past week end in Nevada City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pratti.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Haddy of Park avenue have moved to San Francisco where he will enter war work for the duration.

GRAND CENTRAL MURDER DRAMA AT THEATRE WED.

Some 500,000 people pass through New York's Grand Central Station daily, including 100,000 communtters and through passengers. The remainder are non-passengers, many of them from subways opening in the Terminal. Approximately 500 trains enter or leave the station each twenty four hours.

Because of the human interest it holds, the Terminal has become the setting for many stories of fiction. More recently, Hollywood has contributed "Grand Central Murder," a picture with most of its action occurring in the underground passage ways.

As the setting for a murder mystery, the Terminal is ideal. There an arthor con bring together characters from every walk of life without stretching his imagination. In the new film, a private detective and his wife, a beautiful showgirl, her maid, and her understudy, a railroad worker, a stage producer, a blackmailer, a young society couple an escaped convict and a railroad president all are found in a single spot one evening, and thus become suspects in the murder. The Grand Central Terminal is probably the only place in the world where such a situation could exist.

The Terminal itself is one of the architecural marvels of the age, covering seventy nine acres in both its upper ond lowel levels. It is at the same time one of the most efficiently designed and most beautiful structures in the world.

The Terminal boasts a remarkable history dating back to 1871, when it was built through the initiative of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt. Then it was demolished to make way for the new Terminal. The wrecking took seven years, starting in 1903. In 1912, the suburban level of the present Terminal was opened, and the upper level was completed the following year.

The third rail and electric interlocking switch and signal system by whrich trains are controlled are shown in "Grand Central Murder," both figuring importantly in the crime and its solution. In writing her novel from which the picture was adapted, Sue MacVeigh was given the run of the Terminal, assuring an authentic story of life within its structure.

The studio's main difficulty was in providing trains. The war had tied upall locomotices in Southern California for army use. Only after a wait of two weeks could MGM obtain a late model engine, and then it could be kept for but one night. The players worked almost until morning to complete the sequences requiring it, so the locomotive could be returned to its yard the following day.

RAY WILDE AT CAMP ROBERTS

A letter from Ray Wilde, now at Camp Roberts, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilde of this city, states that he is pleased with his new life, environment and activities. He hopes to obtain a warrant officers rating and to play the trumpet in the regimental band. Wilde formerly played in the Nevada City high school band.

MARINE TELLS OF FIGHTING JAPS

Private Marion Benedetti, home on a furlough to visit his parents in Roseville, speaking before the Nevada City Rotary club at luncheon Thursday told of his experiences with the U. S. Marines on Guadalcanal. He said that during the continual battle of the Marines to force the Japs farther and farther from Henderson field, he and his buddies found the bodies of two marines, whose tongue had been torn out, apparently while they were still living, and their bodies then used for bayonet practice.

The marines, he said, learned through bitter experience to trust only a very dead Jap. Wounded Japs on the battleield would turn on the Marines seeking to succor them, and with any weapon at hand kill them. He described the methods the Marines now use to be sure their fanatic enemy is dead. No attempt to succor the wounded is made. The Marines after a battle run their tanks over the quick and the dead.

EARLY TO WORK FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14.—(UP)—State employes in Sacramento will have to arrive for work an hour earlier if a recommendation submitted today by a committee of department executives is adopted.

The committee recommended that working hours for all workers possible be set at 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. as part of a citywide plan to stagger working hours to ease transportation shortages.

The committee said that the law requires that many departments maintain 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. office hours, but said that skeleton crews could be used to conform to the rule.

Professor (lecturing on perseverance) "He drove straight toward his objective. He looked neither to the right nor to the left, but hurried forward. Nothing could turn him from his course. All who crossed his path did so at their own peril. What would you call such a man?"

Student—"A truck driver."

Freshman—"I think I have a flat tire."

Co-ed—"That makes us even."

Selective Service Board Given More Room

A doorway is being cut between office of the Selective Service board and that of Probation Officer A. W. McGagin on the second floor of the courthouse here, to provide more room for the expanding needs of the board.

McGagin, about the first of the year will move into the district attorne's office on the third floor, which will be vacant due to the fact that District Attorney elect, Ward Sheldon, proposes to remain in his present law offices at the corner of Pine and Broad streets.

The dinner guest's nose was exceptionally large and the host had noticed Willie staring at it. Expecting some outspoken and embarrassing comment, he gave his son a disapproving glance. "It's all right, Dad," the boy reassured him. "I'm not going to say anything. I'm just looking at it."

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